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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20th/March, through Sunday, 27th/March there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FT5W, FT5X, FT8W, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T33, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4U1U, UNITED NATIONS HQ. On their way to the Dayton HamVention, operators Mustapha/DL1BDF and his friends Karl-Heinz/DL1BAH, Manfred DK1BT and Stefan/DG2BDB will stop in New York, and operate **4U1UN** as guests of the 4U1UN ARC. Activity will take place between **May 12-15th**. QSL this operation "ONLY" via DL1BDF, the DARC bureau preferred. ADDED NOTES: At the Dayton HamVention they will represent both the DARC Club NORDEN (DOK I09) and the ASTRA which is the National Ham Radio Tunisian Scouts organization. Also, from NY to Dayton and back, they will be active from their mobile home as /DK0FI/m, and the U.S. prefix according to the call area that they will be in. QSL via DL1BDF, the DARC bureau preferred, too.

5Z, KENYA (New Bands). Ted Alleyne, 5Z4NU, the Chairman and Secretary of the Amateur Radio Society of Kenya, reports that the Kenyan licensing authority (the CCK) has granted Kenyan amateurs the use of two new bands:

- **160 meters** -- 1810-1850 kHz
- **30 meters** -- 10100-10150 kHz

9A0, CROATIA. During the Preparatory Central European IARU Region 1 meeting, **April 15-17th**, look for the special callsign **9A0IARU** to be activated from the Island of **Murter (EU-136)**. Activity on what bands/modes was not mentioned. QSL via Emir, 9A6AA.

9G, GHANA. Sigi, DL7DF, will be active from here on a one man operation between **April 18-25th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW only with a little SSTV. He will have a 700w amp with a beam and dipole antennas. QSL via DL7DF. Watch the following Web page for updates: <http://www.DL7DF.com>

9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. Mike, ZR5MGK, is now active as **9Q6MGK** until **mid-April**. Reports indicate that he will be active on SSB on the WARC bands but mainly on 20/15/10 meters. Over the past week QSNs show he was active on 20 meters between 1800-1900z. Mike is only using 50 watts into a dipole. QSL via ZR5MGK.

AC4TT (Interesting Station For The WPX). According to Charles, K4VUD, the Tibet Radio Club obtained a new callsign of AC4TT in honor of the old Tibet callsign prefix of AC4. The AC4TT callsign appear during this past weekend's CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. PLEASE NOTE that the new AC4TT callsign is a USA callsign. It was obtained in remembrance of the old Tibet AC4 prefix of eons ago, for the Tibet Radio Club of which Charles was the founder.

C21, NAURU (CW Ops Needed!). Bill, VK4FW, informs OPDX that the Oceania Amateur Radio DX Group (ODXG) will be embarking on an operation from here before Christmas. They will predominately be a CW and RTTY operation with some SSB. They are looking for more CW operators for this operation. If interested, send an E-mail to Bill Horner at: vk4fw@westnet.com.au.

C6, BAHAMAS. Dave, G4WFQ, will be active as **C6AWF** from **Treasure Cay, Abaco Island (NA-080)**, **April 15-29th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands, but mostly CW and RTTY, with some SSB. QSL via G3SWH. Logs will be available online at: <http://www.g4wfg.btinternet.co.uk>.

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update). Eddie, DU1EV, informs OPDX readers that unfortunately, they were not able to get a ride to the Pagasa Island last March 20th (there was no ride available). The next possible trip is on the **30th**. They do hope this trip will materialize and that there will be transportation space for them. He mentioned that 4F1OZ has gone back to the mainland and now there are only two operators awaiting the next trip (4F2KWT and DU1EV).

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, informs OPDX readers: "Just a reminder that the **deadline** to be shown in the next **DXCC Honor Roll** list is **March 31, 2005**. Submissions must be postmarked March 31, 2005, for your submission to count for this listing. The DXCC Honor Roll list will appear in August 2005 QST. There are 335 entities on the

DXCC list and you must be within the numerical top 10 DXCC entities to qualify. The current minimum requirement for Honor Roll is 326 current entities. (A submission is not needed if you already meet this requirement)."

ADDED NOTE: Do you have questions regarding DXCC program issues? Visit the DXCC Web site. A new feature has been added called DXCC FAQ's. This link should answer most of your questions on DXCC program issues. Here you will find the program rules, the current and deleted DXCC lists and all of the forms needed to participate. Also, the ARRL DX Bulletins can be found here. If, after reading the information here, you still have questions regarding the DXCC Program, contact the DXCC Desk. The DXCC Web page is available at:
<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>.

EI, IRELAND. Richard, G3CWI, is on holiday here between **now and April 8th**. While there he intends to activate some of Ireland's unactivated hills for the Summits on the Air (SOTA). Operation will be between 1100-1500z on 40 meters CW around 7030kHz. His primary radio objective is to activate Carrauntoohill, at 1039 metres Ireland's highest mountain.

FORT ACTIVITY. Ramon, PY6KY, will be active as **ZW6FSM** from **Fort Sao Marcos** (DFB-BA-05) between **April 17-18th** for CW and April 20-21st for SSB. QSL via PY6KW, direct or by the Bureau.

FT5W, CROZET ISLAND. Jean Paul, F5BU/FT5WJ, is now QRT. He made his last QSO on March 21st. He mentions that during his spare time he made 2114 QSOs with 1913 different stations. Jean Paul states, "I apologize for not having made more QSOs. I know that Crozet is a rare country, but I've done my best. I would thank all of those who sent me their congrats."

FT5, KERGUELEN. The **FT5XO** operation is expected to continue **until April 1st**. No updates have been reported by the operators, so we do not have much to report on. There has been activity on RTTY this past weekend. QSL via VE3XN.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW.** Ivan, OM3CGN, and other 7X operators will activate **Sanja Island** (Algerian island part of the Mediterranean Sea Coast Centre Group), from **May 1-5th**. More details later.
- **EU-NEW.** An amateur radio team led by Dave, MM0ALM, assisted by well-known and experienced island activator Seamus "Jim", MM0CWJ, will leave from the **Orkney Islands** on June 11th, and will travel over 300 miles to activate **Rockall Island** between **June 14-21st**. They will rely on a member of the SAS to get them onto the rock from an inflatable and hope to put up a small tent on a tiny ledge a few metres square. Operation will be primarily SSB (all bands, as appropriate). The callsign will be **MS0IRC/p**, the Hebridean Island Radio Club callsign. The DXpedition's QSL manager will be G0HXN. Jim also hopes to operate 50 MHz, even during the sea voyage, signing **MM0CWJ/MM**. This is expected to be a hazardous operation. Read the article, "The complete history of Rockall by Kieren McCarthy" on the following Web page at:
<http://www.therockalltimes.co.uk/rockall/history.html>
- **EU-010 EU-059.** Alan, G0RCI, will lead a small group to **St. Kilda** (SCOTIA DI23) to operate as **GB0SK** from **May 2-6th**. Operation is expected to be from a designated camp-site, and they plan to have 2 separate stations active with a variety of antennas. All

QSOs will be acknowledged via the Bureau. G0RCI will also answer all appropriate "direct" requests addressed to his "home QTH". The team may also activate Bernera (IOTA EU-010 and SCOTIA HI15) as G0GRC (callsign of the Grantham Radio Club G0GRC in GM) on the outward and return journeys on May 1st and/or 6th. This is a long sea-crossing with constant Atlantic swell. Success will be, as always, very much WX-dependent.

- **EU-057.** Seven German operators will activate **Ummantz Island** (O-06 for the German Islands Award) on **May 2-8th**. They will operate on all bands CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Operators mentioned are: DL1APR, DL1APW, DL1NUF, DL5AOJ, DL7NFK, DL9NDS and DM3BJ. QSL via their home callsigns.
- **EU-123.** Andre, GM3VLB, hopes to activate the **Isle of May** (SCOTIA CS01 and WLOTA GM-0521) between **April 2-9th**. Transport to this uninhabited 2-lighthouse rock/bird sanctuary is by R.I.B., so food, water and generator fuel supplies may need to be rationed. QSL direct only, via home callsign. ADDED NOTE FROM ANDRE: For confirmation, a simple chronological list- DATE/UTC - of all previous QSOs is enough - save your cards - he no longer collects them. If you NEED this one (by the Bureau), send him an E-mail stating day/time/band...
- **NA-224.** Operators XE1XOX, XE1ZJR, XE1KOF, XE1ZAO, XE1YJL, XE1IH, XE1VC, XE1XNH and XE1XTK will be active from the lighthouse on **Sacrificios Island** as **XF2ZEX** between **March 30th and April 3rd**. Activity will be on 160-2 meters on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31. QSL via the bureau or direct to QSL Manager IT9EJW: Alfio Bonanno, P.O. Box 18, 95028 Valverde (Catania), ITALY.
- **OC-217.** Mediterraneo DX Club DXpeditin on **Kangean Island** as **YE3K** has updated their Web page at: <http://www.mdxc.org/ye3k/>

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. Look for Ed, WA3WSJ, to activate a couple of lighthouses during this week. As he heads down to Atlanticon (QRP Conference), in Maryland, he will activate **Turkey Point Lighthouse** (ARLHS USA-857) on Thursday, **March 31st**. He will also activate on **April 1st**, the **Concord Point Lighthouse** (ARLHS USA-186) in **Harve de Grace, MD**. QSL via his home callsign, direct preferred, bureau is OK.

NEW DIA SPONSOR. Jens, OZ5MJ, reports that the Danish Island Award, which was originally sponsored by the local branch in Odense of Experimenterende Danske Radioamatuer (OZ3FYN), will now be taken over and sponsored by the Danish DX Group (DDXG). The new awards will have the same layout as the originals and are currently being printed. The only difference is that the DDXG logo will be on the award. The profits from the award will be used to support DXpeditions. The new Award Manager is OZ1ACB: Allis Andersen, Kagsaavej 34, DK 2730 Herlev, Denmark. For more details, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.ddxg.dk/awards/island.htm>.

PIRATED CALLSIGN. Laurent, **F8BBL**, informed OPDX that his callsign is being **PIRATED**. The individual is using it on the PacketCluster to put out false information and also on the air (CW/SSB/RTTY/SSTV) to QRM DX operations.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **QSL 4L8A** via OZ1HPS. Activity was during the CQ WPX SSB Contest this past weekend.
- **QSL CN2BC** via the bureau to DL7BC. Activity was during the CQ WPX SSB Contest

this past weekend.

- QSL **FO0/F8UFT** (from Clipperton Island) via F5NQL, by the bureau or direct (w/SAE+Postage - 1 IRC preferred. - USD is 1 for EU and AF and 2 for elsewhere).
- QSL **FY5KE** via the address on QRZ.com. Operator was F5MZN in this past weekend's contest.
- After many years, the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) operated as **IR8M**, and now the MDXC HQ received from Italian Ministry of Communications the callsign **IQ8MD**. QSL via IZ8BGY. MDXC Web page is at: <http://www.mdxc.org>.
- The log for the recent **KH8SI** Swains Island DXpedition is now available online at: <http://www.swains-island.org/>. You'll find the Log Search link near the bottom. There were 9460 contacts made.
- The **TO7C** DXpedition log is now online at: <http://to7c.free.fr/logsuk.php> There are a lot pictures from the crew and of the Salut Islands.
- QSL **YI9VCQ** via N3ST. Activity was during the CQ WPX SSB Contest this past weekend. Operator was Korey from Al Taji, Iraq.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY ACTIVITY. On April 25thm Tito, **LU7EE**, will celebrate his 60th birthday. To celebrate his birthday and his 42 years on amateur radio, Tito has set a goal to be active for 60 hours, one for each year of his life, using the special callsign **L73E**. His activity on the air will begin at 0000z, April 23rd and end at 1200z, April 25th. Suggested frequencies will be:

- CW - 1815, 3515, 7015, 10110.5, 14015, 18085, 21015, 24915 and 28015 KHz
- SSB - 3550, 7050, 14150 and 28910 KHz.

He will also QRV on local 144 MHz band repeaters. QSL via GACW, P.O.Box 9, Wilde, B1875ZAA, Argentina. For skeds, info, etc.. send E-mail to: ay7ee2002@yahoo.com.ar.

SPECIAL EVENT. During the **Rotary's International Centennial Convention** this June, the Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR) will operate a special event station, **W9R**, beginning **June 18th** and concluding **June 22nd**. This station will be based within the Lakefront parking area of Chicago's Soldier Field immediately adjacent to the McCormick Convention Center. The equipment that will be used is being loaned to ROAR by the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross. The station equipment is part of the Emergency Communications Response Vehicle which will also be on display. Suggested frequencies are: 3955, 7280, 14293, 21310 and 28560 kHz (as band conditions dictate). Visit the following Web site for additional information and operating schedule: <http://www.ifroar.org>.

ADDED NOTE: Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional persons. They are united to provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations which helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary International has 31,936 clubs in 159 countries.

SPECIAL EVENT. To commemorate the **60th anniversary of the "Battle of Okinawa"** in WWII, the Anaheim Police ARC (W6APD) will operate special event station **K6O** between 1800-0200z each day from April 1-15th (2005) Suggested frequencies are: 7250, 14253, 18150, 21350, 24950 and 28450 kHz. QSL via KM6HB: Mark McMullin, P.O. Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799 (send a SASE for a picture QSL card, no certificate). For more details, contact Mark McMullin via E-mail at: km6hb@arrl.net. Mark states, "This is my 3rd and final World War 2

special event for the year. It has been a privilege to 'honor and remember those that have served'. Also, cards for the K6I 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima special event are in and cards are being processed. Copies of the card can be viewed at:

<http://home.pacbell.net/km6hb/.NET.doc>.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for special event station **CF3VEDAY** to be active from **May 5-11th**, to celebrate the official opening of the new **Canadian War Museum** in **Ottawa**, the national capital of Canada, on May 8th, and the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) which, on May 8, 1945, officially ended the Second World War in Europe. Please visit the CF3VEDAY Web site for station information and QSL info. Web page will also have times, frequencies and names of operators. The CF3VEDAY Web site is: <http://www.qsl.net/vc3vday/>.

VE3, CANADA. Bela, HA8FW, is in Toronto **until June 10th**. He will be active as **VE3/HA8FW**. QSL via HA QSL Bureau.

VO2, CANADA (Zone 2). Steve, VE2TKH, is now in **Labrador City** and will operate the club station as **VO2ZT** until **March 30th**. He states that this will be a mini DXpedition in duration but with nice equipment. See his Web page for details at: <http://www.qsl.net/ve2tkh/>.

WINDMILL ACTIVITIES (WOTA) AND AWARD. Martin, G3VOF, informs OPDX readers that this year the Havering and District Amateur Radio Club (G4HRC) will be taking part in the **National Mills On-The-Air weekend, May 7-8th**. This event is for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (mills section). The HDAR Club will be activating no less than four mills on-the-air. The windmill locations, and the callsigns of the windmills, and operators are as follows:

- GB2UW** - Upminster, Essex. This mill will be run by operators M0MAC, G3JSR, G3SVK, G0PIA, M3DOQ, M3DOV and help from SWL Chris Lester. The suggested frequencies are:
 - CW - 3510, 7010, 14010, 18075, 21010 and 28010 kHz
 - SSB - 3735, 7055, 14155, 18120, 21255, 28455 and 50160 kHz
 - FM - 145.400 and 433.400 MHz
- GB0MW** - Mountnessing, Essex. This mill will be run by operators M0JKA, G4UNS and G0BOF. The suggested frequencies are:
 - CW - 3515, 7015, 14015, 18080, 21015 and 28015 kHz
 - SSB - 3745, 7065, 14165, 18130, 21265, 28465 and 50165 kHz
 - FM - 145.425 and 433.425 MHz
- GB2ARW** - Aythorpe, Roding, Essex. This mill will be run by operators G3TPJ and M1MOG. The suggested frequencies are:
 - CW - 3520, 7020, 14020, 18085, 21020 and 28020 kHz
 - SSB - 3755, 7075, 14175, 18140, 21275, 28475 and 50170 kHz
 - FM - 145.450 and 433.450 MHz
- GB5SW** - Stock, Essex, this mill will be run by operators G3VOF, G3RJI and M0BOB. The suggested frequencies are:
 - CW - 3525, 7025, 14025, 18090, 21025 and 28025 kHz
 - SSB - 3765, 7085, 14185, 18150, 21285, 28485 and 50175 kHz
 - FM - 145.475 and 433.475 MHz

The Havering and District Amateur Radio Club will be running its own award program for working the windmills run by the club. This will be the Essex Windmill Award. This award is offered not only in the UK, but to EU, and the rest of the world. The requirements for this award in the UK only is as follows: Work any two of the Windmills (GB2ARW, GB2UW,

GB5SW or GB0MW) on any band any mode. For EU and the rest of the world, just one Windmill will qualify for the award. In future years there will be silver, and gold endorsements (once the basic award has been obtained) for achieving a more difficult operating goal. Details will be given before the next year's Windmill event. The Awards Manager for this Certificate is Fred, G3SVK (32, Elgin Ave, Harold Park, Romford, Essex, RM3 0YT). The cost of the award will be UK =A33.00 inc p&p..... Check logs is all that is nessessary. SWLs can send also send for the award on a heard basis. EU is 14 IRCs or 5 EURO. Rest of the world, 16 IRCs or 8 USDs.

XE, MEXICO. Scott, **WA6LIE**, plans on crusing **MM/2** from Long Beach to Puerto Vallarita, Mazatland and Cabo San Lucas between **April 17-24th**. He will use his FT-857D and plans on some Satellite operations (no digital) along with 6 and 20 meters activity too. Scott hopes to activate a few more grid square.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Operators Carlos/EA1DGZ, Roberto/EA1DBC, Oscar/EC1KW and Fernando/EA1CNF will be active as ZD8C in the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th)** as a Multi/Multi entry. Antennas to be used are: a 6 element beam for 20/15/10m, a 3 element beam for 20/15/10m, Inverted "V" for 40/80m and a G5RV for 40/80m. QSL via the bureau or direct to EA1URS.

ZL6, NEW ZEALAND. The Quartz Hill Use Group station will be active as **ZL6QH** in the **CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th)** as a Multi/Multi entry. QSL via ZL2AOH. Operators mentioned are: Brain/ZL1AZE, Tony/ZL2AGY, Wilbert/ZL2BSJ and Chris/ZL1CT. Visit the Quartz Hill's Web page at: <http://www.zl6qh.com>.

ZR, SOUTH AFRICA. Dennis, ZS4BS, SARL HF Manager, stated that with the change to the South African Radio Regulations in February 2005, all the restricted licencess now have access to the HF bands. So during the **CQ WW WPX Contest** this past weekend, there were plenty of **ZR** callsigns available.

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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